

Claim 2, line 1, change "comprising a cable" to read --according to claim 1,
wherein--;

lines 2-17, please delete these lines; and

line 18, delete "cables,"--.

Claim 3, line 1, change "comprising a cable" to read --according to claim 1,
wherein--; and

lines 2-17, please delete these lines.

Claim 43, line 2, change "claim 1" to read --claim--.

Please cancel claim 54, without prejudice.

REMARKS

Claims 1-47, 49, 50, 52, 53 and 56-72 are presented for reconsideration.

In the Office Action, a requirement for restriction was made between Group I (claims 1-47, 50 and 56-68), Group II (claim 69), Group III (claims 52-54 and 70) and Group IV (claim 71).

Applicants hereby elect the claims of Group I, **with traverse**. It is noted that the present application is a National Phase of a PCT Application, and it is submitted that the PCT Examination Report found that a single general inventive concept existed between the four groups, it is submitted that the U.S. Patent Office is bound by this and, therefore, a requirement for restriction is not believed proper. It is specifically believed that there is common special technical features in each group which are present in the other groups. Therefore, the requirement is improper and should be withdrawn.

Paragraph 3 on page 3 of the Office Action, stated that if Group I were elected, then a requirement for an election of species between Species A (claim 1), Species B (claim 2) and Species C (claim 3) was required. Applicants hereby elect Species A, which is now recited in claim 72. It is submitted that claims 1, 4-14, 16-24, 29, 32-34, 37, 56-63 and 65-68 along with claim 72 read on the elected species or are generic thereto.

It is respectfully submitted that, contrary to the Examiner's statement, claim 1, as now amended, is clearly generic to the species of claim 72, claim 2 and claim 3. Therefore, it is believed that a full examination of the entire Group I, which is claims 1-47, 50, 56-68 and 72, should be given.

Respectfully submitted,

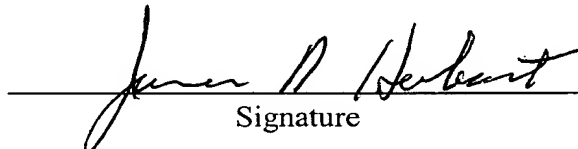

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